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On October 29, PolOff delivered reftel points seeking Jordanian support for the U.S. draft action plan to combat racial and religious discrimination to Dr. Manal Mazahreh of the Foreign Ministry's Human Rights Department. Mazahreh stated reftel points would be discussed with their Geneva Mission the afternoon of October 29. POLOFF explained the USG position on the "defamation of religion" issue. Post will also pass draft draft action plan to Mazahreh once received. Beecroft